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SUBJ: GOJ POLICY RE ENTRY OF PRG- AFFILIATED PERSONS

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SUMMARY: FONOFF INFORMED EMBASSY THAT IT IS NOW CONSIDERING APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY PERMITS FOR TWO PERSONS FROM DRV AND TWO PERSONS AFFILIATED WITH PRG. FONOFF SEEMS INCLINED TO TREAT ALL FOUR AS RESIDENTS OF HANOI WHO CARRY DRV PASSPORTS. FONOFF STATES THAT GVN HAS BEEN CONSULTED ON MATTER AND DOES NOT OBJECT TO ADMISSION OF DRV PASSPORT HOLDERS. ONE OF THESE MEN IS ALMOST CERTAINLY PRESENT PRG CHARGE TO CHILE. WHILE FONOFF STATES THAT QUESTION IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION, IT APPEARS THAT FONOFF NOW INCLINED TO ADMIT ALL FOUR. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF ASIA BUREAU DIRGEN YOSHIDA CALLED IN DCM MAY 28 TO DESCRIBE GOJ PLANS RE OPENING OF NEGOTIATIONS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH DRV (SEPTTEL) AND ON ADMISSION OF PRG- AFFILIATED PERSONS TO JAPAN.

2. RE PRG ENTRY ISSUE, YOSHIDA SAID THAT APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN SUBMITTED FOR ENTRY PERMITS FOR TWO INDIVIDUALS FROM DRV AND TWO INDIVIDUALS ALLILIATED

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WITH PRG. YOSHIDA SAID THAT THE APPLICATIONS INDICATE THAT ALL FOUR ARE RESIDENTS OF HANOI AND CARRY DRV PASSPORTS. STATED PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO DISCUSS PRIVATE LEVEL ASSISTANCE FOR VIETNAM. YOSHIDA SAID FONOFF NOW STUDYING POSSIBILITY OF ADMITTING ALL FOUR. TWO PRG- AFFILIATED PERSONS WOULD BE ADMITTED ON GROUNDS THAT THEY ARE NOT OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF PRG AND HAVE AGREED NOT TO ENGAGE IN ANY POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN JAPAN. IN RESPONSE TO DCM QUESTION, YOSHIDA STATED THAT GOJ WOULD NOT RPT NOT HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH GROUP DURING VISIT.

3. YOSHIDA SAID THAT GOJ HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED QUESTION WITH GVN. HE SAID THAT GVN HAD EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO VISITS BY OFFICIALS OF PRG. HOWEVER, GVN HAD TOLD GOJ THAT THEY COULD NOT OBJECT IF GOJ GRANTED ENTRY PERMITS TO PRIVATE PERSONS RESIDING IN HANOI AND CARRYING DRV PASSPORTS. FONOFF' S CONCLUSION WAS THAT GVN WOULD NOT OBJECT TO ADMISSION OF THESE FOUR INDIVIDUALS.

4. DCM NOTED THAT THERE WAS QUESTION WHETHER ONE (HA THANH LAM) OF TWO PRG- AFFILIATED PERSONS WAS NOT THE SAME MAN WHO IS ACCREDITED AS PRG CHARGE TO CHILE. FONOFF FIRST SEA DIVISION CHIEF, HANABUSA, WHO ALSO PRESENT, SAID GOJ HAD INQUIRED OF JAPANESE SPONSORS WHETHER APPLICANT WAS PRG CHARGE TO CHILE. JAPANESE SPONSORS REPLIED THAT THEY DID NOT KNOW AND THAT IN APPLICATION LAM WAS DESCRIBED ONLY AS A PROFESSOR. HENCE, FONOFF CANNOT CONFIRM WHETHER APPLICANT LAM IS IN FACT THE LAM WHO IS PRG CHARGE IN CHILE.

5. YOSHIDA CONCLUDED BY REITERATING THAT MATTER WAS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. WHEN DCM CONFIRMED THAT CONVERSATION BEING REPORTED TO WASHINGTON, YOSHIDA ASKED TO BE INFORMED OF ANY REACTION THE EMBASSY MIGHT RECEIVE.

6. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GOJ IS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF RELAXING ITS POLICY OF REFUSING ENTRY OF PRG- AFFILIATED PERSONS. SINCE WAY IN WHICH PRESENT APPLICATION IS HANDLED COULD BECOME PRECEDENT FOR ADMISSION OF OTHER PRG- AFFILIATED PERSONS, DEPT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER WHETHER WE SHOULD TRY TO DISCOURAGE GOJ, EVEN THOUGH GVN APPARENTLY HAS NOT WEIGHED IN HEAVILY.
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